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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the position of waiting list for telephone connections in major towns, district headquarters and rural areas of Jammu and Kashmir as on April 30, 2002;
- (b) the details of new telephone connections provided during each of the last three years alongwith the amount spent thereon;
- (c) the details of major achievements in the telecommunications sector alongwith the total funds provided during the last two years for Jammu and Kashmir; and
- (d) the details of new schemes approved under consideration of the Government for Jammu and Kashmir?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) The waiting list position on 30-04-2002 is as under:

Name of Town/DHQ	Waiting list	Name of Town/DHQ	Waiting list	Name of Town/DHQ	Waiting list	Name of Town/DHQ	Waiting list
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Srinagar	6956	Kathua	121	Rajouri	Nil		
Jammu	488	Udhampur	394				
Baramulla	888	Doda	06	Anantnag	1222		
Sopore	1427	Poonch	68				
Kupwara	330	Leh	154				
Pulwama	826	Kargil	108	Badgam	331		
TOTAL		13319					

The total Waiting List in Urban and Rural areas is 23661 and 16788 respectively.

(b) The details of new telephone connections provided during each of the last three years alongwith amount spent is given below:

Year	DEls provided	Amount spent
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1999-2000	22,158 Nos.	Rs. 110.18 Crores
2000-2001	43,512 Nos.	Rs. 87.39 Crores
2001-2002	49,278 Nos.	Rs. 175.56 Crores
TOTAL	1,14,948 Nos.	Rs. 373.13 Crores

(c) The details of major achievements in the telecommunication sector alongwith the total funds provided during the last two years for Jammu and Kashmir is as under:

Major Achievement in Telecom. Sector	2000-2001	2001-2002
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Net Switching Capacity addition	62655 lines	47000 lines
New Exchanges	15 Nos.	18 Nos.
MCPC, V-SATs Commissioned	12 Nos.	15 Nos.
Optical Fibre Cable (OFC)	119 RKm	236 RKm
Microwave	395 RKm	336 RKm
Funds allotted	87.39 Crores	175.56 Crores

(d) Under the development plan for the year 2002-2003 for the State of J&K, following capacities will be added to the existing ones:

(i) Net Switching Capacity addition : 47,800 Lines

(ii) DELs to be provided : 48,000 Nos.

(iii) New Exchanges : 10 Nos.

(iv) Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) : 700 Route Kms.

(v) Microwave : 300 Route Kms.

In addition, Udhampur-Srinagar Optical Fibre Cable Project will be commissioned during this period.